

SEEK HALT IN LAW BEARING ON BUSINESS

Owners of 33,167 Factories in Nation Petition President Wilson.

POINT TO UNEMPLOYED

Abundant Capital Awaits Investment When Attacks Cease, It Is Claimed.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Claiming to represent 33,167 factories with 1,084,000 employees, officers of the National Implement and Vehicle association, Ohio Manufacturers' association, and the Illinois Manufacturers' association, called on President Wilson today and petitioned that all legislation affecting the business of the world, except the trade commission bill, be withheld until the trade commission could look into the business situation and make a report on which congress might enact laws satisfactory to manufacturers and employees.

The petition stated: "Business is hesitating," the "unemployed are numbered in hundreds of thousands," and "abundant capital awaits investment." The president, replying, said, while he was aware that there was a present depression in business, there was abundant evidence it was merely psychological, and that there was no material conditions or substantial reason why the business of the country should not be in a more prosperous and expanding condition. He urged upon the visitors the necessity for patriotic cooperation on the part of the business men of the country in order to support rather than oppose moderate processes of reform. He told his visitors his purpose was to serve and not hinder or injure business.

Hill in Protest.
Washington, D. C., May 28.—James J. Hill, discussing "The Future of Our Foreign Trade," in a paper read at the national foreign trade convention here, intimated that the United States might be in danger of running into such a widespread industrial distress as England now found itself "from attempting to hold markets against competitors while maintaining a wage scale that does not permit it to meet their prices and does not offer to capital any inducement into new fields of development."

He compared the per capita value of foreign trade of the United States, which is \$11, to that of Germany, which is \$67, and that of the United Kingdom, which is \$125. He said it was a short-sighted optimism that has concentrated attention for many years on the increase of our exports and manufactured products. Germany was constantly capturing English markets because of the inability of the English manufacturer to change his working conditions in conformity to general changes that have taken place. The United States was following England's example.

Refers to Union Power.

"The power of the English trades unions became practically arbitrary in fixing wages, hours and general working conditions. Germany found that, with a more advantageous wage scale, she could go into the world's markets and compete at prices which England could not meet. Hence the enormous growth of German exports. Hence a competition which the United States itself cannot meet in many lines, and which it could not meet at all did not impose and excessive natural resources, and, in certain lines of manufacture, the use of highly skilled labor and highly complicated machines which cheaper labor is not competent to handle, give us a temporary advantage. But that advantage, like every other exceptional local condition in the world trade, tends to be equalized and disappears."

Points to Industrial Distress.

He pictured the industrial distress in England and said it would seem that rational conduct might save the day, "but the burden placed by unwise restricted legislation and unnecessary taxation upon business in the United States are producing their natural effects here also. Just such mistakes as Great Britain has made and is making may confront the American workman with a lost job, and empty cupboard and no younger and more promising land to which he may emigrate. Losing gradually the advantages that our position and resources have given us up to a recent date nothing but deeper wisdom and a keener sense of justice toward all factors that must unite to create national prosperity can keep us at the front in the race with other nations or even insure us against disappointment, disorder and economic distress at home."

ERIN TODAY



LETTERS READ IN DR. ELAM'S TRIAL

Stenographer Tells How Defendant Was Affected by Note Written by Cramer.

Kansas City, Mo., May 28.—When the defense in the trial of Dr. Elam, the St. Joe physician charged with the murder of W. Putnam Cramer of Chicago, opened today, Mrs. Robert Riley, wife of a railroad conductor of St. Joe, testified she aided Cramer and Mrs. Elam to meet and correspond.

Miss Tim Fenton, a stenographer, testified to cooperating with Mrs. Riley in assisting Cramer and Mrs. Elam in the correspondence. Miss Fenton said she had done stenographic work for Dr. Elam in September, 1913. She turned over to Elam, at his request, a letter from Cramer. Elam read it, became greatly agitated, extremely pale, his body shook, and he said, "Tim, my life has been ruined."

FEDERAL AGENTS ON MORGAN BOOKS

Examination Begun in New York to Trace Transactions in New Haven Stocks.

New York, May 28.—Four examiners of the interstate commerce commission today began an examination of Morgan & Co.'s books and records relating to the New Haven railroad. The examination probably will take several weeks, though it is understood the examiners will have a free hand at the counsel for the firm has insisted that there be no "fishing expedition."

OLD SKELETON IS LOST TO SCIENCE

Chicago, Ill., May 28.—The skeleton of a buffalo which roamed the lake shore 25,000 years ago, was tossed into a dump cart by unappreciative workmen at the University of Chicago and is now lost to science, it was learned today.

BANKER SET FREE ON TECHNICALITY

Chicago, Ill., May 28.—Frank Hennings, former cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Schaumburg, Ill., was freed today on a technicality from a charge of having embezzled \$42,000 from the institution. He may be reindicted.

ROOSEVELT PLAN TO SEND TROOPS

Tells of Program He Had Decided Upon During Anthracite Strike of 1902.

New York, May 28.—Roosevelt, as president, was ready to take measures "equivalent to action in time of war" to end the great strike in the anthracite mines in 1902, even though effort would be made later to impeach him for it, Roosevelt testified yesterday before the referee in the suit of Alexander Wales, a lawyer, against President John P. White of the United Mine Workers for fees he alleges due him for the part he took in settling the strike.

"In September," said Roosevelt, "the situation began to grow acute. The situation was full of menace to the country. I asked representatives of the miners and operators to appear before me. I regarded the attitude of John Mitchell, then head of the miners, as a reasonable attitude, and the operators' unreasonable and offensive. I made up my mind I would have to take drastic action unless the operators and miners got together. I intended to send in the United States army. I only wanted to get it in there, then I'd take care of the situation. I told Senator Quay of Pennsylvania I'd ask and guarantee the people of the eastern seaboard would have coal right away. I told him if he would help me he could vote to impeach me later. I planned to have General Schofield take charge of the troops and act practically as receiver for the mines. I told the general he must pay attention to no other authority, no need to a writ from a judge, or anything else, except my commands. He said he would do so. I kept the plan secret, even from members of the cabinet."

"The operators persisted in their uncompromising plan," Roosevelt said, "until finally change came. After many disputes about the membership of an arbitration commission one was appointed and the strike settled."

Washington, D. C., May 28.—The proposal to amalgamate the progressive and republican parties was definitely rejected at the conference of Theodore Roosevelt and the progressive delegation to congress Tuesday night.

This was the most important disclosure of the day, following the former president's visit to Washington. In the few hours he was in the capital the colonel set the political pot fairly boiling over.

Several of the participants in the progressive conference admitted that the question of acceding to the desire of the republicans for a reconciliation was discussed while Colonel Roosevelt was present. They said, however, that it was touched on only briefly and soon dismissed from consideration.

Mr. Roosevelt, it appears, when the matter was mentioned in the meeting, asked each progressive in turn whether he or his fellow progressives in the district he represents are in favor of a merging of the two parties. Each one replied that the progressive sentiment in his district is flatly opposed to yielding an inch to the appeals of the republicans for an amalgamation. "That's bully," Colonel Roosevelt is quoted as exclaiming when all the members had given their views on the subject.

GIRL IS A VICTIM OF JIU JITSU GRIP

Jury Learns Barr Used Wrestling Hold in Embracing Miss Florence Bentley.

Chicago, Ill., May 28.—Miss Florence Bentley, whose death in Downer's Grove was followed by the suicide of Reginald A. Barr, a suitor, died from the effects of a jiu jitsu grip known as one of the most dangerous in the Japanese wrestling science. This was the opinion of three physicians who testified yesterday at the inquest which was held in the village hall in Downer's Grove.

Whether it was the intention of Barr deliberately to murder the young woman was not decided by the jury and an open verdict was returned. Previous to the inquiry into the cause of the death of Miss Bentley the jury returned a verdict of suicide in the death of Barr.

Miss Bentley was buried yesterday afternoon in Oakwoods cemetery. Funeral services were held in the morning at the home of the girl's mother in Downer's Grove. Six young women who had been her classmates in school were the pallbearers.

The funeral of Barr will be held today from the home of Mrs. Fannie Wilson, an aunt with whom he lived in Downer's Grove.

SIXTY OVERCOME AT STATION FIRE

Number of Foreigners Dragged Partly Unconscious From Detroit Building.

Detroit, Mich., May 28.—More than fifty firemen were overcome by smoke and ten partly unconscious foreigners were dragged to safety from flames that swept the basement of the union station last night. The fire was not extinguished until early today. The loss is \$30,000. The station is used by the Wabash, Pere Marquette and Canadian Pacific roads.

Bakers of State Meet.

Ottawa, Ill., May 28.—Three hundred delegates attended the second day's session of the Illinois Master Bakers' association. Officers elected were:

President—J. C. Gemelich, Peoria.
Vice President—E. A. Holmes, Chicago.
Secretary—E. T. Glissold, Chicago.
Treasurer—George Geissler, Joliet.

Colon Rocked by Quake.

Colon, May 28.—A severe shock of earthquake, lasting over thirty seconds, occurred last night. It was much stronger than any of the seismic disturbances felt in the canal zone last October.

JEAN GIANINI IS HELD AN IMBECILE

Herkimer, N. Y., May 28.—Jean Gianini, 18, charged with the murder of his school teacher, Lida Beecher, was acquitted on the ground of criminal imbecility.

UNCLE SAM IS TO SELL TWO OF WARSHIPS

First Time in History Buyer is to be a Foreign Power.

AN OFFER FROM GREECE

Idaho and Mississippi to Be Disposed of at Price Paid for Construction.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—A plan for disposing of the battleships Idaho and Mississippi to a foreign power for just what the United States paid for their construction was laid before the senate naval committee by Secretary Daniels today.

The United States never before sold battleships to foreign powers. Daniels asked an amendment to the naval bill permitting the sale and providing the \$12,000,000 he expected to get for the vessels, together with \$2,000,000 he would be able to make by economy in other lines be used to build one dreadnaught in addition to the two already provided in the bill. The majority of the committee was favorable and an amendment embodying a plan will be prepared for presentation to the senate.

Proposals for the purchase came from Greece, which, it is understood, is anxious to put its navy on the same footing as Turkey's. The Idaho and Mississippi are not modern enough to go into the line of battle.

After New York Central.

A resolution calling on Attorney General McReynolds to inform the senate if the combination of railroads comprising the New York Central system is in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law was introduced by Norris, republican, Nebraska, but upon objection by Reed it went over till tomorrow.

WANTS JAILS PUT UNDER STATE AID

Judge B. S. Bell Advocates Big Reform at Meeting of Criminal Institute.

That the management of the county jails of the state should be turned over to the state board of control, which has charge of the various charitable institutions of Illinois, was the novel suggestion which Acting County Judge B. S. Bell made to the legislative committee at the meeting of the Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, held in Chicago this week in connection with the state bar meeting.

Judge Bell's plan provoked considerable discussion, along with other suggestions for reform legislation. Judge Bell also advocated the establishment of district county farms. He claimed that the prisoners needed outdoor work and that the scheme would prove satisfactory to the men as well as to the authorities. He made the assertion that 90 per cent of the jails of the state had been repeatedly declared unsanitary and unfit for use under the present plan of operation.

APPEAL OF WIFE FREES A HUSBAND

Governor Dunne, After Issuing Pardon, Feeds Woman and Her Children.

Springfield, Ill., May 28.—The personal appeal of Mrs. Max Smith of Chicago and her three small children won a pardon for her husband, sentenced to the penitentiary in January for adultery. After granting the pardon Governor Dunn found the woman and children had eaten nothing for several hours. He took them to the executive mansion, breakfasted them and sent them to Chicago.

White Slave Report Adopted.

Chicago, Ill., May 28.—The report of a special committee on the white slave traffic was adopted by the general assembly of the Presbyterian church today. It urges that the evil be eradicated by strict enforcement of the laws.

Taverner to Address Veterans.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—Representative Clyde Taverner is down as one of the speakers at the Memorial day celebration to be held by Sheridan post No. 6, G. A. R., at Battleground cemetery of Maryland.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Unsettled tonight and Friday; probably thunderstorms; cooler Friday. Temperature at 7 a. m., 73. Highest yesterday, 91. Lowest last night, 70. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 5 miles per hour. Precipitation, .02 inch. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 64; at 7 a. m., 82. Stage of water, 5.3; no change in last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Venus, Saturn. Morning star: Jupiter. The Pole star in constellation Ursa Minor (Little Bear) marks the exact direction of north.

HONOR CONVICTS VIOLATE PROMISE

First of Men From Joliet Established in Camps Escape at Starved Rock.

Joliet, Ill., May 28.—John Murphy, aged 29, sentenced from Will county, and John Burte, aged 42, convicted in McLean county, honor men, escaped from Camp Dunne at Starved Rock today. With Ole Olson and Phil Rourke, trustees, who Saturday left the unguarded prison farm, they are the first Illinois convicts to violate the trust since unwatched road camps were established. While their companions slept, Murphy and Burte stole from their beds and walked away. Both would have been at liberty in a few months.

REPUBLICANS TO HAVE A ROUNDUP

Leaders From Over Illinois to Meet at Bloomington—Taft Men Are to Speak.

Chicago, Ill., May 28.—Illinois republicans will get together for the first time since the 1912 elections at a Bloomington celebration tomorrow night. Indications are one of the most important political events of the year to Illinois will be staged.

George W. Wickersham of New York, attorney general in the Taft cabinet, and Charles Nagel of St. Louis, Taft's secretary of commerce and labor, will be the chief speakers. Former Governor Deussen and National Committeeman Roy O. West will be among the guests, together with former Congressman Joseph G. Cannon and former Congressman William B. McKinley.

Colonel Frank L. Smith of Dwight said 100 invitations had been sent to republicans all over the state, without regard to past factional alignments, and that 85 acceptances had been received.

"From the responses which have been received," Colonel Smith said, "it is evident there is a general desire to bury old factional differences and to reestablish genuine party harmony."

There will be plates for 600 guests and seats for 1,200 spectators in the balconies. The event is primarily to celebrate the 58th anniversary of the "Bloomington convention," the occasion of the birth of the republican party in Illinois, at which Lincoln's famous "lost speech" was delivered.

Senator Sherman's friends say the democratic factional battling has made his election in November almost a certainty, regardless of what the progressives may do.

Progressive leaders may indicate during the week the candidate whom they expect to support. Former Judge William Prentiss of Chicago has opened his campaign in southern Illinois. The impression seems to prevail that Raymond Robbins is to be put forward as the organization candidate rather than Dean Franklin.

SEAMSTRESS GIVES \$10,000 TO MISSIONS.

Sterling, Ill., May 28.—Announcement was made here yesterday that Miss Nettie Yoerard had given \$10,000 to the Methodist Episcopal church for foreign missionary work. Miss Yoerard earned the money as a seamstress.

SYDNEY RECORDS SERIOUS QUAKES

Sydney, N.S.W., May 28.—The most severe earthquake shocks ever registered by Australian seismographs were recorded at 12:30 this morning at the government observatory at Riverview. The waves lasted three hours. Indications were there was an upheaval in the vicinity of Friendly Islands, in the southern Pacific.

FRANCIS QUIMET FRANCE CHAMPION

Versailles, France, May 28.—Francis Quimet, American open golf champion, became amateur champion of France today by defeating Henry Topping of Connecticut, four-up, three to play.

HUERTA TO GO IS VERDICT IN MEXICO PLAN

Mediators Reach Decision on First Important Details to Insure Peace.

TO SELECT PRESIDENT

Man Who Will Be Acceptable to All Factions in the Republic to Be Sought.

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 28.—Mediation conference has been in conference a week today and already many essentials of the plan of pacification in Mexico has been agreed upon. Details are being withheld until there is a complete arrangement on all subjects, but the main point of the plan on which both sides at present look favorably are:

Transfer of executive power from Huerta to a provisional president, and four cabinet ministers. Thus five men would bear equal responsibility in putting into operation the program adopted at the conference here for the election of a president, vice president and members of congress. The five men would be neutral persons, as far as political associations are concerned, but would be representative men as nearly acceptable as possible to all factions in Mexico, including constitutionalists, and also approved by the American government. Prompt recognition of the provisional government would be given by the United States.

To Withdraw Troops.

Withdrawal of American troops is expected by the Mexican delegates to follow as soon as the new government is installed.

The Mexican delegates expect that the United States will regard as legal the transactions of the present Mexican congress. Belief is expressed confidently that an agreement or protocol will be drawn up and perhaps signed within another week. The mediators do not expect the question of constitutionalists representation here to be reopened. Conferences have progressed too far for that. The general belief is the American government is already sounding the constitutionalists on details of plans being discussed.

Washington, D. C., May 28.—At the White house it was said today no formal agreement for the pacification of Mexico had been received from the Niagara Falls conference. Reports of the American delegates, which have been coming in at each stage of the negotiations, however, have been so favorable that the situation, it was said, would permit of the assembling of the decided points into the form of a definite agreement very soon.

Funston Within Rights.

Representatives of the constitutionalists conferred with Secretary Bryan again today and reiterated that steps were being taken definitely to establish relations for the Carranza element with the Niagara Falls conference. They added that the constitutionalist delegates, if they go, would have the same rights and powers as the American delegates.

It is understood among officials close to the White house that conditions are such that a favorable reply is expected from Carranza either to participate in the mediation proceedings or agree to a solution being worked out at Niagara Falls.

Closely following the landing of munitions of war for Huerta from two German liners at Puerto, Mexico, a large consignment from Japan ordered by Huerta many months ago is due at Manzanillo or Salina Cruz, on the west coast, to be transported by railroad to Mexico City. Treasury officials, discussing the landing of the cargoes of the Ypiranga and Bavaria at Puerto, Mexico, a port other than the one to which they were originally consigned, said there was nothing in American law to prevent consignors changing the destination of the cargoes. Absence of a proper manifest, however, is punishable, and General Funston was within his rights in detaining the Bavaria if, as reported, the steamer appeared at Vera Cruz without such a document.

CARDINALS GIVEN RED HAT BY POPE

Rome, Italy, May 28.—At a public consistory at the vatican today red hats were conferred on those new in Rome of the 13 new cardinals created Monday. Several thousand, most of whom were Americans and other foreigners, attended. A special mission will be sent to take the barrettas to the absent cardinals.

Although the pope appeared to feel the oppressive heat, he spoke with a strong, clear voice at the ceremony.